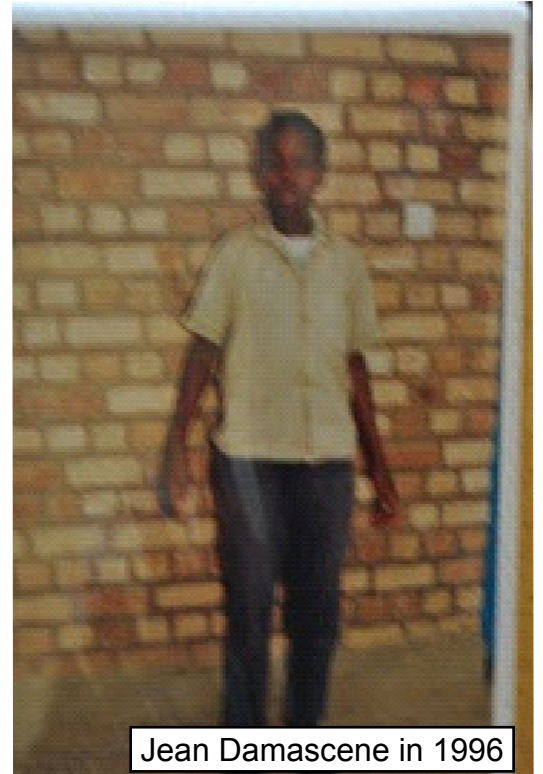


Jean Damascene Bankundiye



At work today
 (in the red jumper)



Jean Damascene in 1996

BANKUNDIYE J.Damascène is 24 years old. His mother was a single parent and he was the only one in his family to complete secondary education. He writes,

“Due to poverty of my family it was not easy to study, I was blessed through the church at Byumba and Ray of Hope and completed primary and secondary education. I was selected when I was 8 years old and the church supported me to have hope in Jesus for my bright future, to get school uniform, scholastic materials and school fees. In Senior 6 I was very sick and was admitted to hospital. The project looked after me and paid for all the charges. If I had no support I would die. I am planning to go for further studies after rebuilding the house for my mother, and get married”.

Today he is a role model within the church and community through his Christian witness. He is an accountant working for Hannah Ministry among orphan vulnerable children.